

# Allies Carry On Offensive Operations in Belgium and France

hospitals again are filling, while along the Dutch border continuous firing can be heard.

The long-expected proclamation bringing an end to Turkish suzerainty over Egypt, and the establishment of a British protectorate, was officially issued to-night. The last straw doubtless was the action of the Khedive, who was the Sultan's representative in Egypt, but with little real power, in taking sides with Turkey against Great Britain.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Arthur Henry McMahon, who has been appointed high commissioner, although a soldier by profession, has had long and varied experience as a political officer in India and other parts of the East. He has been Foreign Secretary in India since 1911.

## BERLIN HEARS OF GREAT VICTORY OVER RUSSIANS

BERLIN, December 17 (via London, 11:10 P. M.).—Berlin was aroused to enthusiasm to-day by the announcement of a great Austro-German victory over the Russians in Poland. An official bulletin announcing this was issued shortly after noon. Within half an hour extra editions of the papers appeared, and the whole city literally flashed into bunting.

American visitors, who a few days ago commented on the nondescript flags, scarcely recognized the streets, which everywhere were gay with German and Austrian colors, at many places intertwined.

At the Reichstag, where a Red Cross meeting was in session, word was received from the palace that the great victory of the war had been won. Schools will close to-morrow that the children may assemble to celebrate the event.

The first intimation of the nature and extent of the Russian defeat was received here last night, and circulated in official quarters, but nothing was known of it generally until the official bulletin was published. It had been understood that the Russians were in a precarious position, but it was not until a decisive result was at hand. The official bulletin issued yesterday reported that operations "were proceeding normally," which phrase is the usual termination of the official reports. It is known now that thousands of Russians have been taken prisoners.

## TAKE GERMAN TRENCHES AT POINTE D'AY

PARIS, December 17 (5:50 P. M.).—The French War Office gave out an official statement this afternoon as follows:

"Between the sea and the Lys we have occupied several German trenches at the point of the bayonet; concentrated our position at Lombardzyde and St. Georges, and organized the territory."

## OBITUARY

**Moses C. Dooley.**—Dooley, two years old, who served in Company E, Thirty-fourth Virginia Infantry, of the Confederate Army, in the War Between the States, died in the Soldiers' Home Wednesday night at 11:45 o'clock.

He leaves two brothers, G. M. and J. E. Dooley, of Port Deposit. His brothers are expected here to-day to attend the funeral. Mr. Dooley came here from Bedford County three months ago.

**Mrs. Louise Kasey Jordan.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]—REDFORD CITY, Va., December 17.—The remains of Mrs. Louise Kasey Jordan, wife of William Jordan, a son of H. W. Jordan, who died here to-day from pneumonia, where she died in the Jefferson Hospital. About three weeks ago she was taken to Redford City for an operation for appendicitis. She was the youngest daughter of the late John S. Kasey, and Mrs. Fannie Burks, John S. Kasey, and two sons, John S. Kasey, Jr. and George S. Kasey, of the late Judge E. C. Burks, of the Virginia Court of Appeals. She is survived by her husband and two children, her mother, two sisters, Mrs. John S. Burks and Mrs. George Schanck, of Bedford County.

**Mrs. Fannie D. Ware.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]—CLARKSVILLE, Va., December 17.—Mrs. Fannie D. Ware, widow of Dr. F. D. Ware, died at her home in Clarksville this morning at 10 o'clock. She was formerly Miss Fannie Clark, and leaves one brother, John Clark, of Richmond, and two sisters, Mrs. John Clark, of Clarksville, and three children, Frank D. Ware, of Richmond, and Mrs. F. D. Ware, of Clarksville, and Richard M. Ware, of Spotsylvania.

**Dabney C. Wheeler.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]—FREDERICKSBURG, Va., December 17.—Dabney C. Wheeler, of Spotsylvania County, died suddenly at his home in that county yesterday, aged seventy years. Mr. Wheeler was a merchant of this city, and was removing to Spotsylvania County.

**Elizabeth Rebecca Sandifer.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]—LYNCHBURG, Va., December 17.—Elizabeth Rebecca, the one-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sandifer, died at her home this morning.

**DEATHS**

**MEADOR.**—Died at his residence, 1023 Taylor Street, at 8:10 P. M., December 17, GEORGE EDWARD MEADOR.

**ISBELL.**—Died at Fleming, Ky., December 16, 1914, EDWARD ANDERSON ISBELL, age twenty-four, the son of G. and Nanette W. Isbell.

**TILLER.**—Died, Wednesday, December 16, 1914, at 8:10 P. M., EARLE, only child of R. S. and Pearl Hobson Tiller, of 821 North Twenty-seventh Street, in the seventeenth year of her age.

The funeral will take place THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON at 2:30 o'clock from St. James A. E. Church. Interment in Oakwood.

Thy gentle voice now is hushed, Thy warm, true heart is still, And on the quiet, innocent brow Is resting death's cold veil.

Thy hands are clasped upon thy breast, We have kissed thy lovely brow, And in our aching hearts know We have no darling Vernell.

We know that you are happy With your angel plumage on, But our hearts are so desolate To know that you are gone.

There is grief that cannot comfort, There are wounds that cannot be healed, The sorrow buried in our hearts Is too deep to be revealed.

**FATHER AND MOTHER.**

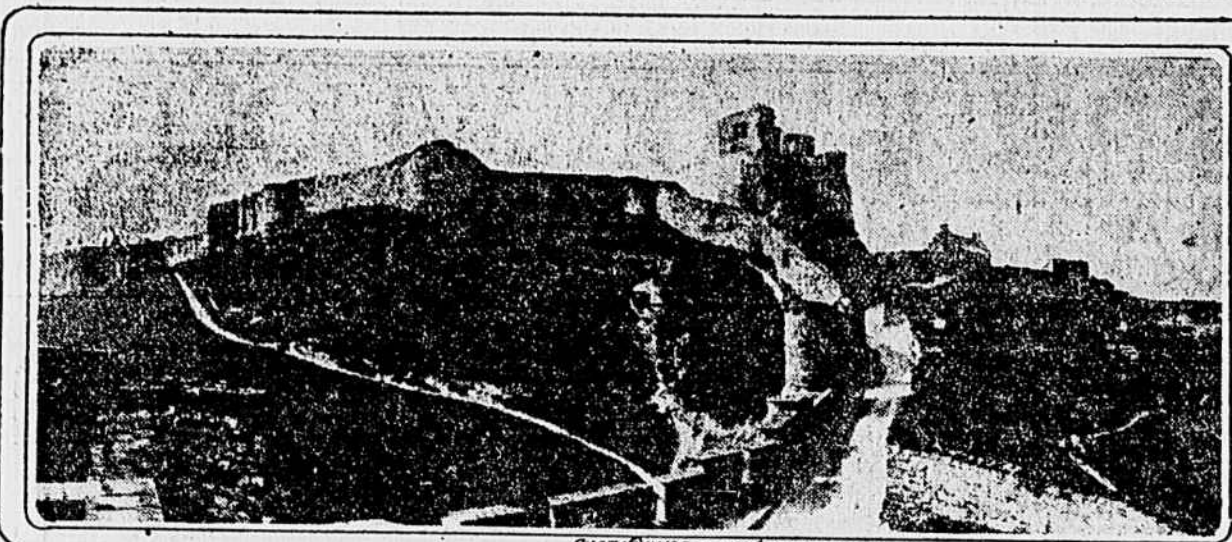
**JACKSON.**—Died, at his residence, 902 Adams Street, Wednesday, December 16, 1914, at 10:30 P. M., JAMIN JACKSON. He was a highly respected colored citizen, and had been in failing health for many years. He was a well known and honored citizen, being for six years a member of the City Council of Richmond, and had been a member of the First Baptist Church since 1866, and a deacon for a long number of years.

His funeral will take place from the First Baptist Church FRIDAY AFTERNOON at 2 o'clock.

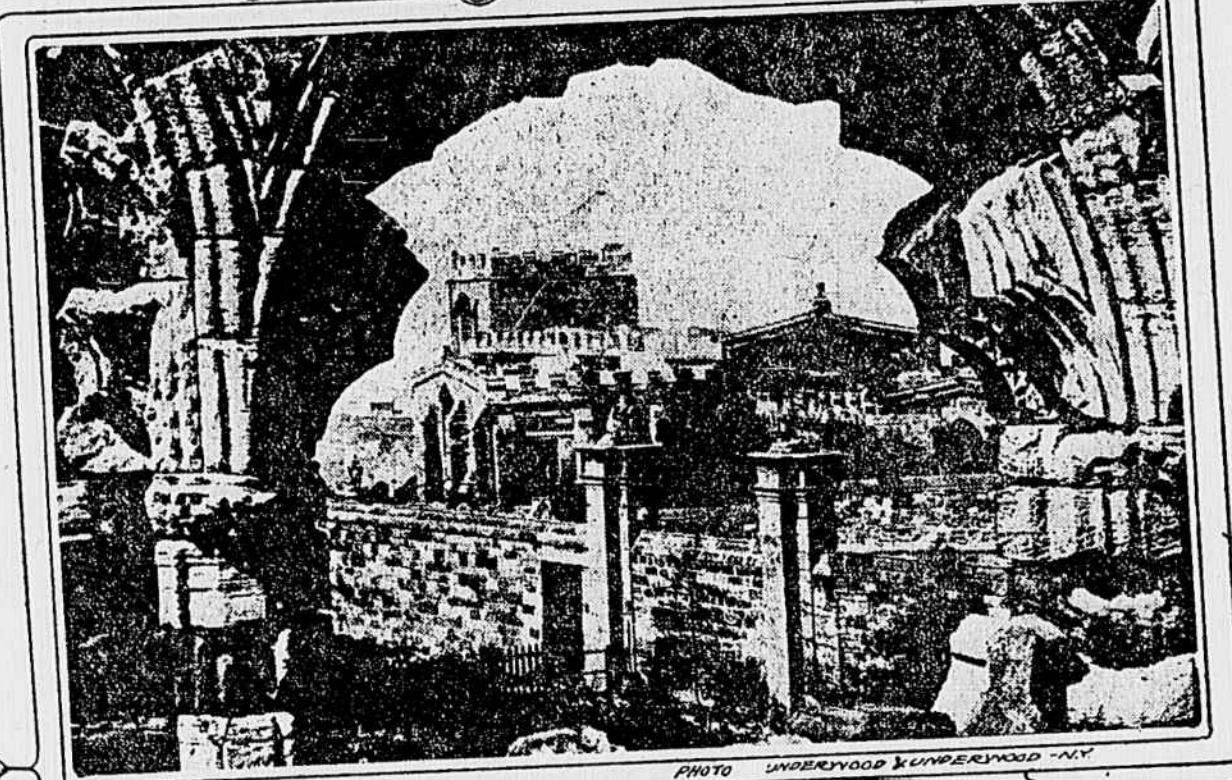
**POWLES.**—Died, at the residence of Dr. E. V. Powles, Burkeville, Va., on Saturday, December 12, MISS BETTIE D. POWLES, daughter of "Hyde Park," Tidewater County.

**TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.**

**UNUSUAL piano bargain.** Owner must sell new \$600 inner-player for \$385. Circumstances justify the offer. Interested parties may address Box 263, Richmond, for particulars. Call will be made to explain the bargain.



Old Castle at Scarborough



Ancient Abbey in Whitby-Damaged by Shells

This old castle which marks the end of the promontory at Scarborough, the seaport town shelled by the Germans, looks out over the North Sea like a great sentinel on never-ending duty. The old castle is a landmark in history. It was erected in 1166, and the barons besieged Piers Gaveston in it in 1332. Twice the Parliamentary forces under Cromwell besieged the castle.

In the bombardment of Whitby by the German fleet which made a dash across the North Sea the ancient abbey was damaged. Whitby Abbey originally was founded in the seventh century, but dates in its present form from the twelfth to fourteenth century. Whitby originated in a priory founded by St. Hilda in the seventh century, and its development was aided in Elizabethan days by the discovery of alum mines in the neighborhood. Captain Cook, who was a Whitby apprentice, made one of his voyages around the globe in a Whitby vessel. His house is still standing in the town. The photo shows an interior of the abbey.

ritory taken from the enemy to the west of Ghent. "We have made progress at some points in the region of Vermeir." "There has been no infantry action along the remainder of the front, but a vigorous effective shooting on the part of our heavy artillery in the environs of Tracy Le Val, on the Aisne, and in Champagne, as well as in the Argonne and in the region of Verdun. "In Lorraine and in Alsace there is nothing to report."

## RESISTANCE MAIN FORCE SHATTERED

VIENNA, December 17 (via Amsterdam, 12:45 P. M.).—The following official communication was issued to-day:

"The latest news permits of no further doubt that the resistance of the Russian main force has been shattered. After the defeat of the southern wing in the battle of Lmanovo, which lasted several days, our allies also gained a victory near Looz.

"The Russians now are completely routed on the River Ruzar. "Threatened by our advance across the Carpathians from the south, the enemy began a general retreat, which they are trying to cover by stubborn fighting. In the regions before the Carpathians.

"Our troops are attacking on the line of Grodno-Zaklicze. "Along the other parts of the front the pursuit has begun."

## GREAT BATTLE RAGING

"THIRTY MILES WEST OF WARSAW." WARSAW, December 17 (via London, 4:20 P. M.).—A great battle is in progress at Sochaczew, thirty miles west of Warsaw. The German wedge, which is proceeding in a southeasterly direction from Lodz, has managed, after heavy fighting, in which serious losses are reported to have been inflicted, to establish itself a quarter of a mile west of Sochaczew. The Polish campaign now centres at that point.

**FRENCH NOT SUCCESSFUL IN ATTACKS AT NIEUPORT** BERLIN, December 17 (by wireless to London, 3 P. M.).—Army headquarters to-day issued the following statement:

"Yesterday the French continued their attacks at Nieuport without success. Attacks were attempted at Zillebeke and Labasse, but were repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy. "The intention of the French to throw a bridge over the Aisne at Solas was prevented by our artillery. "French earthworks to the east of Rheims were destroyed."

## ALL NATURALIZED GERMANS IN SUNDERLAND ARRESTED

LONDON, December 17 (3:25 P. M.).—All naturalized Germans in the seaport town of Sunderland, a short distance north of the English coast towns which were bombarded by the Germans yesterday, were arrested over night, according to a dispatch published by the Exchange Telegraph Company.

## ALLIES GAIN GROUND. REPORT FROM PARIS

PARIS, December 17 (10:55 P. M.).—The following official communication was issued by the War Office to-night:

"In Belgium our troops have gained ground north of the coast to the Ypres and south of it at Bixchoote. "We have debouched to the northeast of Arras, and have reached the first houses of St. Laurentblancq. "Appreciable progress has been made at Olliviers la Boisselle, Mammetz, and Maricourt, in the region of Bapaume and Peronne. "From the Somme to the Vosges there is nothing to report."

## EGYPT HENCEFORTH A BRITISH PROTECTORATE

LONDON, December 17 (9:45 P. M.).—The official press bureau to-night issued the following statement concerning the making of Egypt a British protectorate:

"His Britannic Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs gives notice that, in view of a state of war arising out of the action of Turkey, Egypt is placed under the protection of His Majesty, and will henceforth constitute a British protectorate. "The suzerainty of Turkey over Egypt is thus terminated, and His Majesty's government will adopt all measures necessary for the defense of Egypt and the protection of its inhabitants and interests. "The King has been pleased to approve the appointment of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Arthur Henry McMahon to be His Majesty's High Commissioner for Egypt."

## MAJORITY OF WOUNDED RETURN TO FIRING LINE

PARIS, December 17 (7:05 P. M.).—No fewer than 55 per cent of the wounded returned to the firing line before December 12, according to figures supplied to-day by the surgical department of the Ministry of War. Of the remainder, 24 per cent had been given convalescent leaves, 17 per cent were still in hospitals and 14 per cent had been discharged from the army. Three and a half per cent of the wounded died.

These statistics demonstrate the remarkable advance made in surgery, and show a lower percentage of deaths from wounds than in any preceding war.

## NUMBER OF KILLED INCREASED TO 143

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were fortified, which, in fact, they are not, but solely because they are defended by German troops."

## THREE STEAMERS SUNK BY MINES IN NORTH SEA

SOUTH SHIELDS, ENGLAND, December 17 (via London, 2:45 P. M.).—Three steamers, one believed to be a passenger steamer, were sunk by mines in the North Sea off Flamborough Head last night.

Only one of these three vessels has so far been identified. This is the steamer Elterwater. Twelve of her crew were saved, but seven lost their lives. The casualties on the other ships have not yet been determined, but it is reported that the crew and passengers of the passenger vessel were seen taking to their boats. "The admiralty has announced that all traffic between Flamborough Head and Newcastle has been stopped indefinitely."

## CREW OF EIGHTEEN LANDS IN OWN BOATS

SCARBOROUGH, December 17 (via London, 1:32 P. M.).—The steamer Princess Olga, bound for Aberdeen, Scotland, struck a mine off here last night and went down. The crew of eighteen men landed in their own boats.

## AUSTRIAN TRAINING SHIP BLOWN UP BY MINE

LONDON, December 17 (4:44 P. M.).—In a dispatch from Rome the correspondent of the Central News says:

"A Trieste official has announced the blowing up by a mine and the sinking of the Austrian training ship Beethoven, with the loss of the crew and all the cadets on board."

## CASUALTIES AT HARTLEPOOL. 55 KILLED AND 115 WOUNDED

LONDON, December 17 (11:45 A. M.).—The casualties at Hartlepool, as a result of the German naval raid, according to an official bureau statement, were fifty-five persons killed and 115 wounded.

## TURKS BOMBARDED BY BRITISH SQUADRON

ATHENS, December 17 (via London, 11:47 A. M.).—A British squadron has bombed Turkish troops who had concentrated on Sunday on the coast of the Gulf of Saros, the arm of the Aegean Sea north of the Dardanelles. This information was received here to-day in a dispatch from Mytilene. Details are lacking.

## ENGLAND IS BRISTLING WITH ANGER OVER RAID

Entire Machinery of Home Defense Put in Motion in Preparation for Another Attack.

## FULL DETAILS NOT YET KNOWN

Crippling of Telephone and Telegraph Wires by Bombardment Makes It Impossible to Obtain More Than Estimate of Dead and Wounded.

LONDON, December 17.—Crippling of telephone and telegraph wires by the bombardment yesterday of Scarborough, the Hartlepool and Whitby, on the east coast of England, by German cruisers, together with military precautions thrown about those towns, made it impossible even to-day, more than twenty-four hours after the raid, to obtain more than an approximate estimate of the civilian dead and wounded.

According to an official statement given out to-day, a total of fifty-five persons met their death in the Hartlepool, while 115 were wounded. At Scarborough seventeen dead and thirty wounded was the toll. Both official and unofficial estimates place the Whitby casualties at two dead and two wounded. Of the Hartlepool casualties, seven of the dead were soldiers, while of the wounded, fourteen men belonged to the military. The maximum of wounded is close to 150 persons. That does not include the slightly wounded civilians who bandaged their own hurts and left town.

Bristling with wrath and resentment at the attack on unfortified towns, England is astir to-day as never before, since war was declared. Another raid is confidently expected, and the entire machinery of home defense has been put into motion. On the east and the southeast coast emergency committees are at work, while in London plans to organize a national guard of men too old for military service are under way.

## REALITIES OF WAR SHARPLY BROUGHT HOME

Although, to the British mind, a raid on London seems remote, yet yesterday's episode drove home the realities of war as nothing else could. Arrangements have been made in Deal and Dover to expedite the removal of the civilian population in case of another attack. These measures are primarily to forestall any panic or traffic congestion which might impede military movements.

Through wireless telegraphy Berlin promptly heard of the outcome of the raid, and this morning a wireless message from the German capital, picked up here, repeated details of the attack as printed by British newspapers yesterday. Nothing has been added from German official sources.

Coming at high speed, the German raiders, barring mishaps, should have reached their advance naval base off Helgoland some time after midnight, their trip requiring about fifteen hours. Thirty hours-out of port on such a venture in mine-laden waters is a feat English papers do not belittle, and, in his heart, every Englishman hopes that it will be essayed again, and, if necessary, again, until the call is paid once too often. It is presumed that behind them the German cruisers strewed mines, so a fleet of trawlers is now out engaged in the precarious task of sweeping.

The towns attacked yesterday had resumed much of their normal appearance to-day, except in the bereaved homes and in the hospitals. Belief is general that the Germans had the able assistance of spies. The remarkable secrecy with which the raid was executed is shown by the fact that not a single incoming vessel at any coast guard station, nor a German ship prior to their sudden appearance.

The nearest parallel to yesterday's visit is found in the activities of John D. Jones, terror of English shipping, who menaced English coast towns in 1775.

## DO YOU SUFFER FROM BACKACHE?

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## GERMAN WARSHIPS HIT SEVERAL TIMES

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